

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A backlight ~~being formed by combining a plurality of backlight units with respect to a lighting surface for illuminating~~ configured to illuminate a back of a video display unit formed by a single panel, said backlight ~~characterized in that~~ comprising:

a plurality of backlight units arranged to be incident to a lighting surface, each of said backlight units comprises including:

a light source,

a light reflecting unit ~~which reflects~~ configured to reflect a light emitted from said light source onto a light guide plate ~~into a predetermined direction, and~~

the [[a]] light guide plate which directs configured to direct said light incident thereon through said light reflecting unit ~~to go out from~~ onto said lighting surface ~~[[;]]~~ and said backlight units are configured so that said light reflecting units arranged at one end of said light guide plate are formed to be combined in alternate directions.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A backlight ~~characterized by being formed by combining a plurality of backlight units of different shapes, with respect to a lighting surface for illuminating~~ configured to illuminate a back of a video display unit formed by a single panel, said backlight comprising:

a plurality of backlight units arranged to be incident to a lighting surface, each of said backlight units including:

a light source,

a light reflecting unit configured to reflect a light emitted from said light source onto a light guide plate,

the light guide plate configured to direct said light incident thereon through said light reflecting unit onto said lighting surface,

a first backlight unit that includes a single light source and a single light guide plate, and

a second backlight unit that includes a single light source and at least two light guide plates, so that the first backlight unit has a different shape than the second backlight unit.

Claims 3-18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (New): A backlight according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of backlight units are arranged in alternating directions in at least one row such that a backlight unit in the at least one row differs in orientation with respect to an adjacent backlight unit in the at least one row by 180 degrees.

Claim 20 (New): A backlight according to Claim 19, wherein the backlight units are arranged in alternating directions in at least two rows.

Claim 21 (New): A backlight according to Claim 1, wherein said light reflecting unit of each of said plurality of backlight units is arranged at a first end of said light guide plate of each of said plurality of backlight units, and wherein said plurality of backlight units are arranged to be incident to said lighting surface in alternating directions such that a first end of a first backlight unit is oriented in an opposite direction with respect to a first end of a second backlight unit that is adjacent to the first backlight unit.

Claim 22 (New): A backlight according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of backlight units includes at least two pairs of backlight units, wherein each of the at least two pairs of backlight units includes two backlight units arranged end to end in a same direction, and wherein said at least two pairs of backlight units are arranged in an opposite direction with respect to each other.